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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: KATO, et al  
Serial No.: 10/060,304  
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For: VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING METHOD THEREFOR  
Group: 3749

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

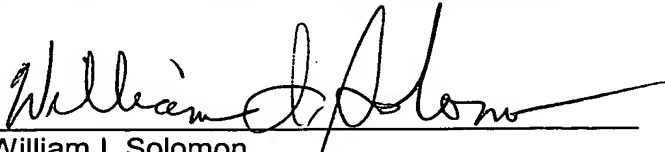
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the **third** month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated April 5, 2002. (A Credit Card Authorization form is attached to cover the required fee of Applicants)

It is requested that any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (reference 520.30414R46), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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